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Oakwood University
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The 2008 Oakwood University Alumni Journal *Is dedicated to the memory of Edna Lett Williamson*

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Edna Amelia Lett was born on January 14, 1920, in Battle Creek, Michigan to Benjamin Harrison Lett and Jesse Proctor Lett. She was the sixth of twelve children born to the couple. Edna was educated in the public school system of Battle Creek and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1938.

Edna then attended the Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan where she graduated with a triple major in English, French and Home Economics. Upon graduation, Edna secured a position with the Detroit City School System. However, the President of Oakwood College, President James L. Moran, met with Edna and her father and she was offered an opportunity to teach at Oakwood. Edna was a tireless and multi-talented teacher serving as an instructor in the areas of English, French and Home Economics. She taught in Oakwood Academy from 8:00 a.m. to noon and the College from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. When Edna looked back, she was amused that at the time she did not realize that she was actually working two jobs.

Oakwood was also a central factor in Edna's marriage because this is where she met the love of her life, Lester Williamson, now deceased.

After marriage, they relocated to New York City as Edna began her long career in the New York City Public School System where she served as a teacher and then as an Assistant Principal of Junior High 45 located in East Harlem. During that time she also obtained her Master's Degree from Hunter College.

After serving more than 30 years in the public school system she retired and became Principal of Northeastern Academy. During her tenure, she led the school to its largest enrollment.

In 1982, Edna retired from employment, but definitely not from service to humanity, nor from doing God's work.

During her lifetime, Edna was active in the Civil Rights Movement, including membership in the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women and the UNCF/College Fund. She also served on the Surrey Co-op Board of Directors. Her dedication and commitment to her people, the community and education were widely recognized. In fact, she was honored on many occasions receiving more than 30 national and community awards.

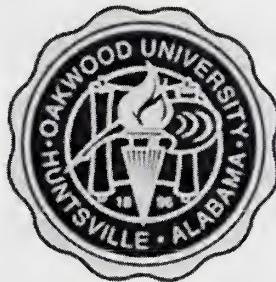
Edna's love for Oakwood College led her to serve in various leadership capacities. She was Second Vice President of the Greater Inter-Alumni Council of the College Fund, President of the A. Samuel Rashford Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association, an officer of the Oakwood College Alumni Association and served for over a decade on the Oakwood College Board of Trustees.

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**Oakwood University
Alumni Association**

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**Welcomes Alumni and Friends
to the
41st Annual Homecoming**



**Dr. Delbert Baker
*University President***

**Dr. DeWitt W. Williams
*Alumni President***

**Victoria Joiner Miller
*Alumni Relations Director/Homecoming Coordinator***

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2008 Honorees

**Don and Lynette Wood Family
Family of the Year**

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Alumna of the Year**

**Dr. Carlton P. Byrd
Alumnus of the Year**



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UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Dr. Delbert Baker

Welcome to the 41st Annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend. This Year 2008 is a very significant year in the progress of the school and its forward momentum. This year has been blessed spiritually, academically, financially, and in terms of campus improvements such as the Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center and Holland Hall, the new men's residence hall on campus. Though we have experienced some unique challenges, God has used them as stepping stones to further develop the institution and the students to face the future better prepared.

While the future is bright, this moment, this year, deserves a brief recounting of its history from its beginnings to the present. Each change in name reflects the unique features of that era and how God has providentially led the school.

God has been good: In 1896 Oakwood Industrial School began with 16 students who majored in industrial and agricultural enterprises, housed in an old mansion and several slave cabins.

God has been good: By 1904 it became Oakwood Manual Training School with summer institutes that featured more trades and advanced skill training.

God has been good: 1917 saw a name change to Oakwood Junior College with offerings in academic courses for credit and its first Black president in 1943.

God has been good: In 1958 as Oakwood College, the institution achieved full accreditation and continued increased growth in enrollment.

God has been good: Now fifty years later at a pivotal point in its history, the name was changed to Oakwood University as of January 1, 2008. Under this new mantle the institution began its first Graduate Program while realizing marked academic, technical, and spiritual education offerings.

God has provided incredible opportunities which are highlighted in its Mission Statement of preparing leaders in service for God and humanity. This is all made possible by your tangible partnership in supporting the continuing progress of this institution. We ask that you participate as you feel impressed to provide for a project of your choice.

We are pleased to have you and your families join us for this occasion. Enjoy all that the National Alumni Planning Committee has prepared for your inspiration and enjoyment.

Welcome!

Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.
President

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Alumni President's Welcome



Dr. DeWitt Williams

Greetings to our alumni, family, and friends and welcome to the 41st annual Oakwood University Alumni Weekend! We have experienced a great number of changes in the past year. One of the most significant is our name change from *Oakwood College* to *Oakwood University* which signifies the completion of a journey of faith begun many years ago. It is with great pleasure that we welcome your return to your Alma Mater, now *Oakwood University*.

This past year has been eventful in many ways personally and as an Alumni Association. In looking for a definition of the word "Association", we find the following words "friendship, relationship, connection, involvement" and in defining the word "Alumni", we find "graduates, former students, and old pupils". The Oakwood University Alumni Association is built on the friendships, relationships, connections and involvement of graduates, former students, old pupils and friends of Oakwood. We count it a privilege to spend this time with you as we worship together, fellowship together and play together.

Your return this year to the campus affirms your commitment to and support of the goals and aims of Oakwood as it seeks to impart to its students an excellent education of mind, body and spirit that prepares the individual for eternity.

Oakwood has achieved many of the goals it set out to accomplish this past year. Financial goals have been met, buildings have been erected, students have graduated, University status granted. The scripture found in Jeremiah 29:11, Living Bible "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." can aptly apply to the University as well as to our own personal lives. Whatever joys, whatever challenges the last year has presented in your own life, know that God has a plan for your life, just as He has a plan for Oakwood, a plan for good, a plan for fitness of body and mind and Spirit, a plan for healing , a plan for joy and of love for you.

We appreciate your celebrating this homecoming event with us.

May God's richest blessings follow you always. May joy and peace surround you and may His mercy enfold you until we celebrate the eternal homecoming that will last throughout eternity!

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Alumni Relations Director's Welcome



Victoria Joiner Miller

filled with the love of Christ. It was the foundation of academic excellence that prepared you for your professional life. It was the physical development that was nurtured through nutritional guidance and physical education. It was the social foundation of friendship and love that has been the thread woven into the fabric of your entire life.

As we celebrate this homecoming weekend with worship, laughter, and remembrances, let us revel in the joy of being Oakwoodites and thank God for the "tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Victoria Joiner Miller, '87
Director of Alumni Relations

Welcome Home!

What an exciting time in Oakwood's history to be Director of Alumni Relations! It's the start of a new era for your school - **Oakwood University** - and I am so pleased to be working with many of our dedicated alums. I look forward to seeing even more of you involved in the advancement of this place called Oakwood, because being an Oakwoodite is more than a simple diploma from a nice school where you spent some time in your youth. Your time here was a foundation that fashioned your life like nowhere else.



Don & Lynette Wood Family Family of the Year

Don and Lynette (Osborne) Wood have known each other since they were students at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland. They were married in 1979 and moved to Huntsville, Alabama in December 1981 so that Don could attend Oakwood University (then Oakwood College). They found that they liked Huntsville enough to call it "home" for many years. There their son, Donald Wood, Jr. (Woody) and their daughter, Summer, were born. Both children are the products of Christian education—beginning at Oakwood Elementary School. Throughout their marriage (and before), Don and Lynette have been active in ministry. Currently they are involved in service as members of the Radford (VA) Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Don Wood started his professional career in 1982 when he and Lynette established Ultimate Service, a graphic design and consulting business that later expanded into an offset printing company, The InkSpot. In 1986, Don accepted a position as director of publications for Oakwood. A year later, he was promoted to manager of Oakwood Graphix—a post he held until 1995 when he decided to pursue graduate studies at Indiana University. After completing his master's degree in journalism, Don moved back to the Washington, D.C. area in 2000. He taught at Howard University and ultimately started Wood Communications, a communication consulting company. In 2004, Don

joined the faculty at Virginia Tech. Then in 2007 he accepted the call to serve as Communication Director for the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Dr. Lynette Wood was the first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in accounting from Indiana University (2003). Her M.S. in management is from The University of Alabama in Huntsville where she was selected as the Outstanding Graduate Student of the College of Administrative Science (1995). In 1993, she graduated as senior class president *summa cum laude* from Oakwood with a B.S. in accounting. She sat for the CPA exam at the end of her undergraduate program and passed all parts on the first attempt. While in her senior year at Oakwood, she raised \$18,000 for the United Negro College Fund.

From 2000-2004, Lynette taught at Howard University. Since 2004, she has been an assistant professor of accounting at Virginia Tech and has been instrumental in starting a student chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) at the university.

Donald Wood, Jr. (Woody) first visited Oakwood as a newborn on the way home from Huntsville Hospital. A few years later (in 2000, to be exact), he enrolled at Oakwood as a management major. Since then, he moved to the Washington metropolitan area and has held a number of positions in business. Currently, he is employed as an accounting clerk for



a CPA firm and is on assignment at Howard University. He has one son (Jaden).

Summer Wood is a 2006 *summa cum laude* management graduate of Oakwood. During her junior year, Summer raised \$10,000 for the United Negro College Fund, and she continued her service to her alma mater after graduation by accepting the appointment as the 2006-2007 young alumni representative on the college's board of trustees. She was accepted into Teach for America's prestigious teaching corps, and currently teaches third grade in the Baltimore City Public School System. In May, Summer will complete her master's of teaching degree at Johns Hopkins University. She is a ministry leader at the Emmanuel-Brinklow Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Congratulations!

To

Don & Lynette Wood
&
Family

The
2008 Family of the Year!

Loving good wishes,

Aunt Inez G. Wood

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Congratulations and Best Wishes



**To
Don & Lynette Wood
& Family**

A well-deserved honor is bestowed on you for your amazing accomplishments. May you continue to excel and help others along the way.

Like the eagle,
Climb high . . .
Climb far . . .
Your aim, the sky.
Your goal, the star.

May your life be richly blessed.

We love you,

**Aunt Eliza Osborne Allen
& Family**

With lots of love and admiration.

Our gratitude to the Oakwood University Alumni Association Board of Directors for selecting you.

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Family Matters

August 2004



God's richest blessings to our immediate and extended family—Don & Lynette Wolfe

DON, LYNETTE, WOODY & SUMMER

Family of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS
on such a
significant honor!

Aunt Yvonne Hicks

Congratulations to our family honorees—
DON, LYNETTE, WOODY & SUMMER
THE 2008 FAMILY OF THE YEAR

May God continue to bless you
as you bless others!



Monica Osborne & family

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DON & LYNETTE WOOD CONGRATULATIONS!

You both have blessed us and thousands of lives with your love and Christian witness.

May you continue to be role models for your family and other families across the country.



DR. DEWITT AND MARGARET WILLIAMS

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CONGRATULATIONS TO DON, LYNETTE, "WOODY" & SUMMER WOOD

Mission



Marcellus Robinson
Senior Pastor

Gary Wimbish
Executive Pastor for
Administration

Noah Washington
Assistant Pastor



Summer Wood
Adventist Youth Society
Leader

Summer Wood, our Adventist Youth Society Leader, is a young woman on a mission. She's following in the family tradition of Christian service instilled by her parents who served Emmanuel-Brinklow as leaders for many years. We're delighted that Oakwood University has chosen to honor Don & Lynette Wood and their children, and pray that God will keep each member of this family focused on a mission for Christ.



We at Emmanuel-Brinklow are on a mission that takes our members

across the street and around the world with services that bring help and healing to the minds, bodies and spirits of people who need to know the love of the Savior.

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The Department of Accounting & Information Systems in Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business is proud of this significant accomplishment by a member of our faculty and her family. Such an achievement is not earned in a day. We recognize that it takes time to build a good reputation, and the benefits are significant. Ask our graduates. Because we have earned the reputation of providing a world-class education, they have good outcomes year after year after year.

Because of your good reputation, we invite Oakwood alumni to consider our graduate degree programs. Together, we can expect more good outcomes.

Master's of Accounting & Information Systems

- This degree prepares students for professional careers with specializations in taxation, information systems, and professional accounting.
- Our master's program is open to students with a bachelor's degree in any discipline.
- Students who have studied business, accounting, or information systems as undergraduates may complete the program in 12-18 months.

Financial Assistance

- Graduate teaching and research assistantships are available.
- Monthly stipends for graduate assistantships are competitive with those offered by other state universities.
- Approximately 40% of the Master's students and 100% of the Ph.D. students in our department receive some form of financial aid.

Ph.D. in Business with a major in Accounting & Information Systems

- This degree prepares students for academic careers in research and teaching.
- Though the entrance requirements are stringent, anyone interested in an academic career should seriously consider our program.
- Employment prospects for our Ph.D. graduates are bright.
- Average yearly compensation for recent graduates has been over \$125,000.

To find out more about our graduate programs, contact our departmental office (acis@vt.edu) or your alum/our assistant professor, Dr. Lynette Wood (lynwood@vt.edu).



Diversity is a core value at the Pamplin College of Business, and we want to take this opportunity to commend Dr. Lynette Wood for the role that she played in organizing the recently-formed student chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants. Pictured are the founding members along with Dr. Wood, the Pamplin College of Business dean and the Accounting & Information Systems department head.

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**Congratulations
Don Wood and Family**

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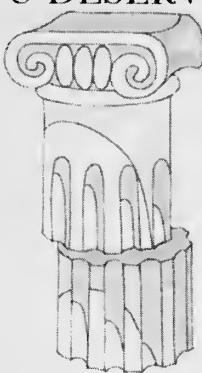
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Treasurer**

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Don Wood & Their Family

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2008 Family of the Year



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Congratulations to
The Wood Family
Donald, Lynette, Donald, Jr. & Summer

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF THE YEAR

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Don and Lynette
in the latter 1990s when they
attended Indiana University in Bloomington.
They were strong leaders in our church there,
and we applaud their dedication
and significant achievements.

PASTOR DON AND JANICE SHORT

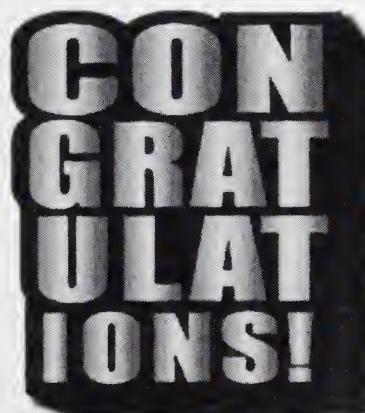
Congratulations,

**DON & LYNETTE WOOD
& FAMILY**

for being honored
as the
Family of the Year



Warrick S. & Christine C. Hill



To the Family of the Year

**Don & Lynette Wood
& Family**

This is a well-deserved honor!

Ronald & Marilyn Lang

Congratulations to
DON, LYNETTE, WOODY & SUMMER
THE 2008
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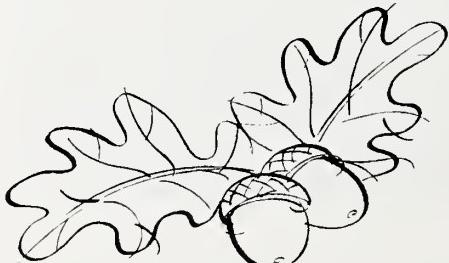


THE RAWLINS FAMILY
Corinne, Andrew, Christopher, Camara

With Love & Congratulations

TO THE WOOD FAMILY

&
Zecola Allston



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Congratulations to
Don & Lynette Wood & family
&
Lona L. Lea

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BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE WOOD FAMILY

DOROTHY L. THOMAS

*Congratulations
to
All 2008
Honorees*

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Dr. Carlton P. Byrd Alumnus of the Year

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd is the Senior Pastor of the 3,000 member Berean Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church of Atlanta, GA, the largest Seventh-day Adventist congregation in the South Atlantic Conference comprising the states of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Byrd is a graduate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, AL with dual degrees, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. He is also a graduate of Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, where he earned the Master of Business Administration Degree, and a graduate of Andrews University (SDA Theological Seminary) in Berrien Springs, MI, where he earned both the Master of Divinity Degree, and most recently, the

Doctor of Ministry Degree with an emphasis in African American Religious Studies.

In his thirteen years of pastoral leadership, Byrd has constructed and renovated churches, baptized over 2,000 persons, served on numerous denominational and community boards, along with serving as a guest minister on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). Since becoming the Senior Pastor of the Atlanta-Berean Church in August, 2006, over 400 persons have been baptized, church attendance and giving have doubled, the church sanctuary has been completely remodeled, and a television ministry has been launched at the Berean Church that currently airs weekly on two Atlanta television stations. In 2007, Byrd was also the recipient of the coveted "*Chosen Pastor Award*" for Atlanta's Gospel Choice Awards, which recognizes outstanding pastors in the Metropolitan Atlanta area for their exceptional leadership and community involvement. Additionally, Byrd has been named as one of the prized residents for "Who's Who in Black Atlanta" for 2008, and has been selected as the Oakwood College Alumnus of the Year for 2008. He is a lifetime member of the Oakwood Alumni Association.

Dr. Byrd is happily married to the former Danielle Mounter, and they are the proud parents of two girls, Christyn and Caileigh. It is Dr. Byrd's desire to be saved when Jesus Christ comes, and to be instrumental in leading others to realize this most precious reward of everlasting life through innovative, seeker-sensitive, Christ-centered ministry.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd
Alumnus of the Year**

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**Love
Mom and Dad**

**Pastor W. C. Byrd, D.D.
and**

Mrs. Carol A. Byrd, M.A.

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Congratulations

**Dr. Carlton P. "Buddy" Byrd,
Pastor**

**You are the epitome of Oakwood's premise-
"Enter to Learn . . . Depart to Serve"**

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William Shakespeare said: "O! this learning, what a thing it is."

Aristotle said: "All human beings, by nature, desire to know."

You have sought academic excellence and obtained it. You have committed your life to God's reasonable service, and your work continues to speak for you. -- Romans 12: 1

PROUD OF YOU DAILY!

*Love you always,
Carla R. Byrd, MBA, JD
(Sister)*

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Congratulations

Dr. Carlton P. "Buddy" Byrd



*With Love,
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Caileigh Alyssa Byrd
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In Loving Memory
of our angel
Caitlyn Alexandria Byrd
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Congratulations to

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

*Senior Pastor of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church
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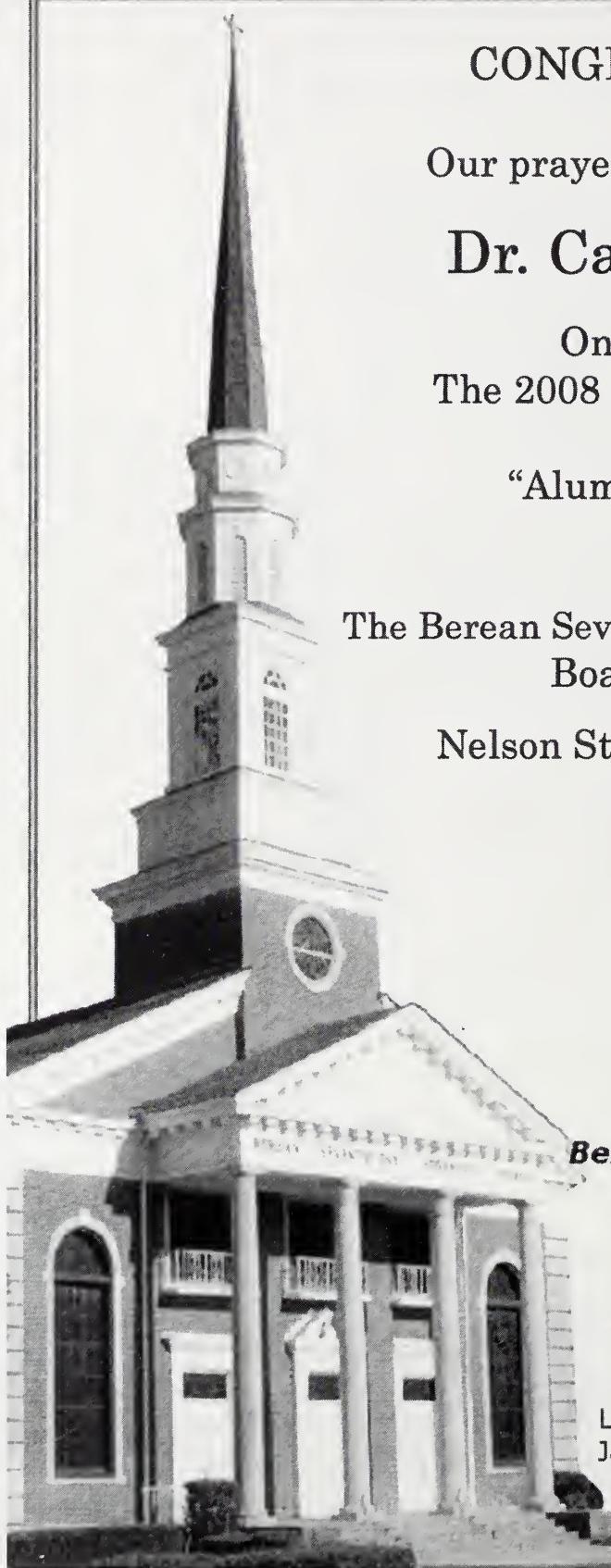
Our prayers and best wishes to
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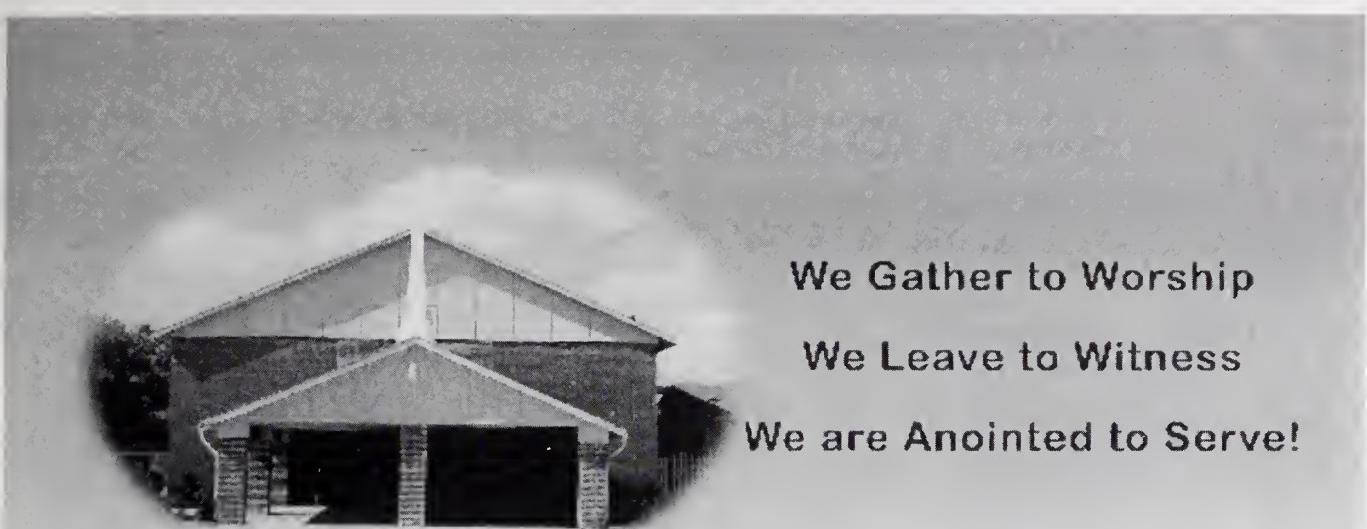
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We Leave to Witness

We are Anointed to Serve!

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Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

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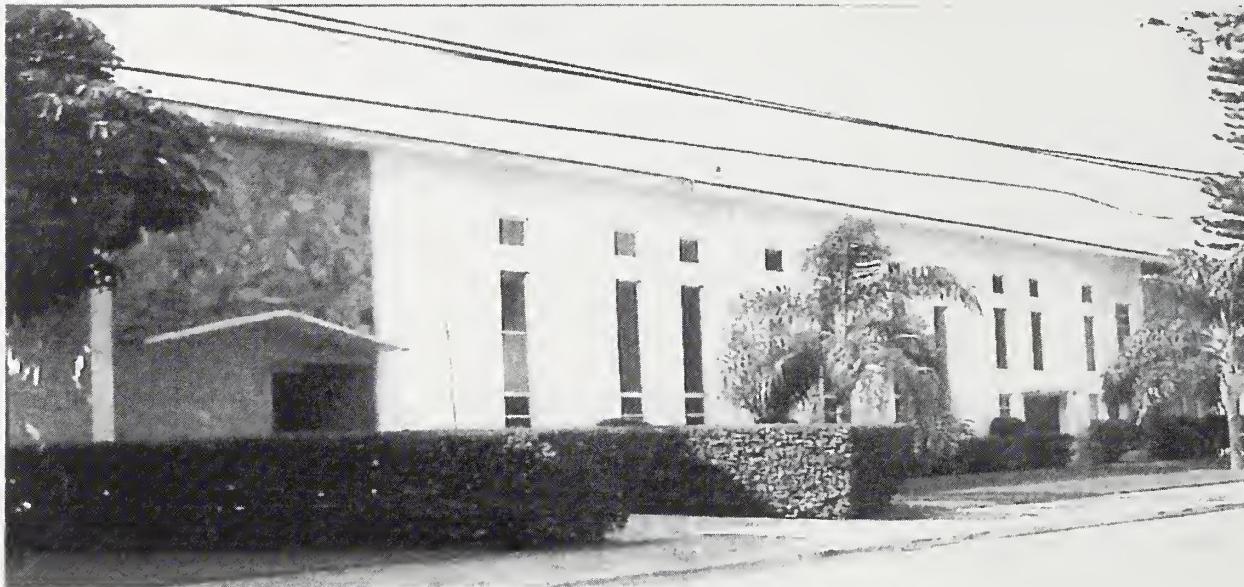
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"...All things worked together for the good to them that love God."

Romans 8:28

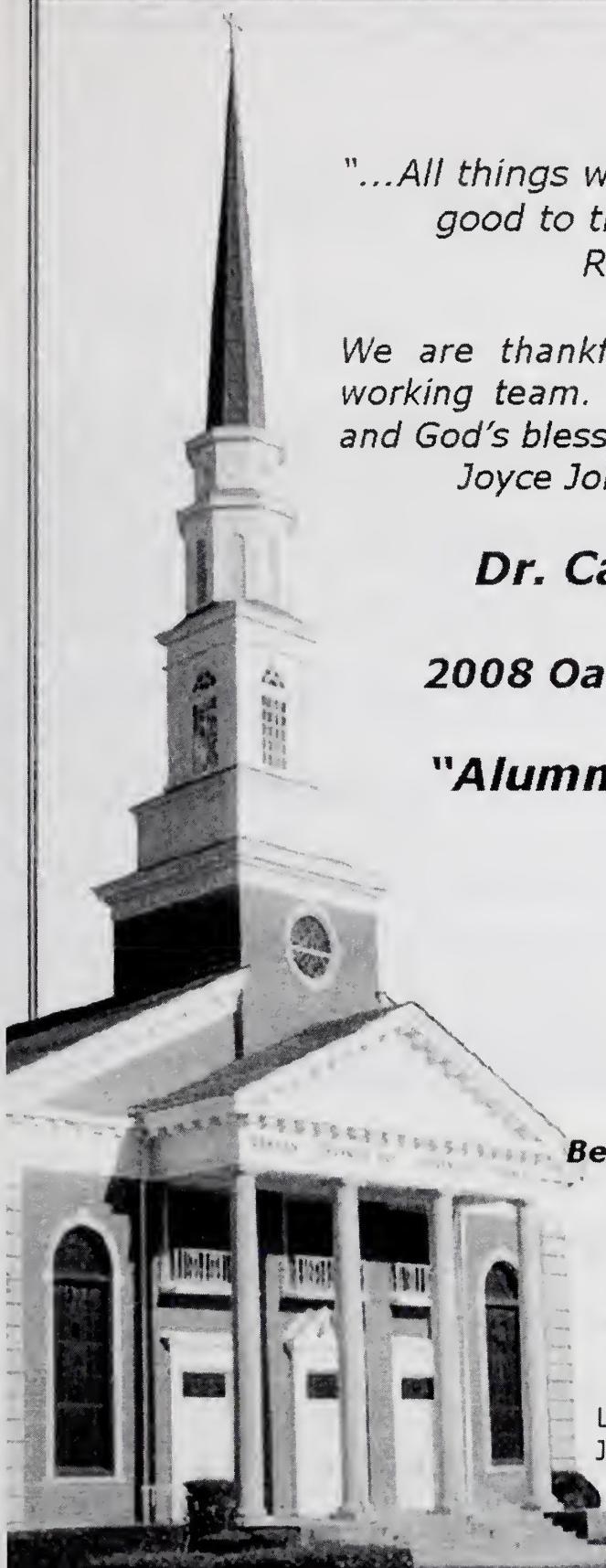
We are thankful to be a part of your working team. We are so proud of you and God's blessings through you.

Joyce Johnson, Head Deaconess

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

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Dr. Carlton P. Byrd
"2008 Alumnus of the Year"

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Your selection as "Alumnus of the Year"
is a great choice - the right choice.

Your call to serve as the Senior Pastor of the
Atlanta-Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church
is a true blessing, and we appreciate all you do.

Our church and our community applaud your
success and your achievements!



We love and support you,
The Atlanta-Berean Music Committee
Luther Washington, II, Minister of Music

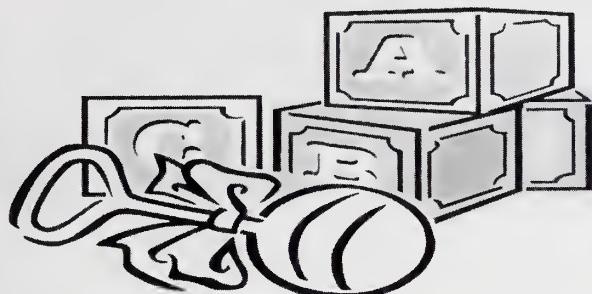
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In Loving Memory
of

Caitlyn Byrd



Congratulations Pastor Byrd!

To God be the glory for the great
things He has done!!!

"I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy
instead of sorrow"

Jeremiah 31:13

We love you!

Keith Dyer & Phyllis Winston Dyer

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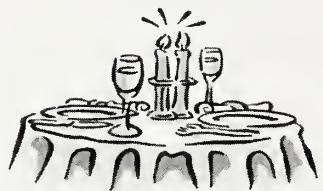
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"To God be the glory – great things He has done"



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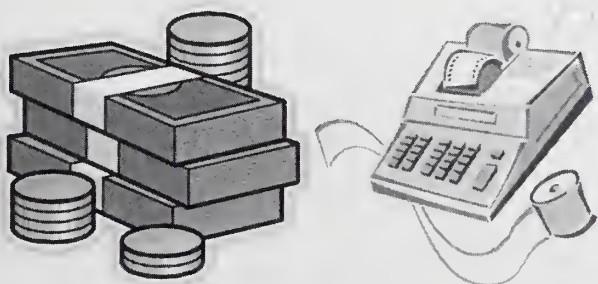
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Congratulations to our Pastor,

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd,

Oakwood University's "2008 Alumnus of the Year"



*We thank the Lord that He brought you to THIS
vineyard. May He always care for you and continue to
shower blessings on you and your ministry.*

We love you,

*The Atlanta-Berean New Members' Committee
(and just a "few" of your new members)*

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Congratulations to our Senior Pastor

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

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*As you represent the Oakwood University
Family and Alumni as the
2008 "Alumnus of the Year"*

Remember to keep aiming high.

*"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is
God's ideal for His children.*

-- Education, p. 18

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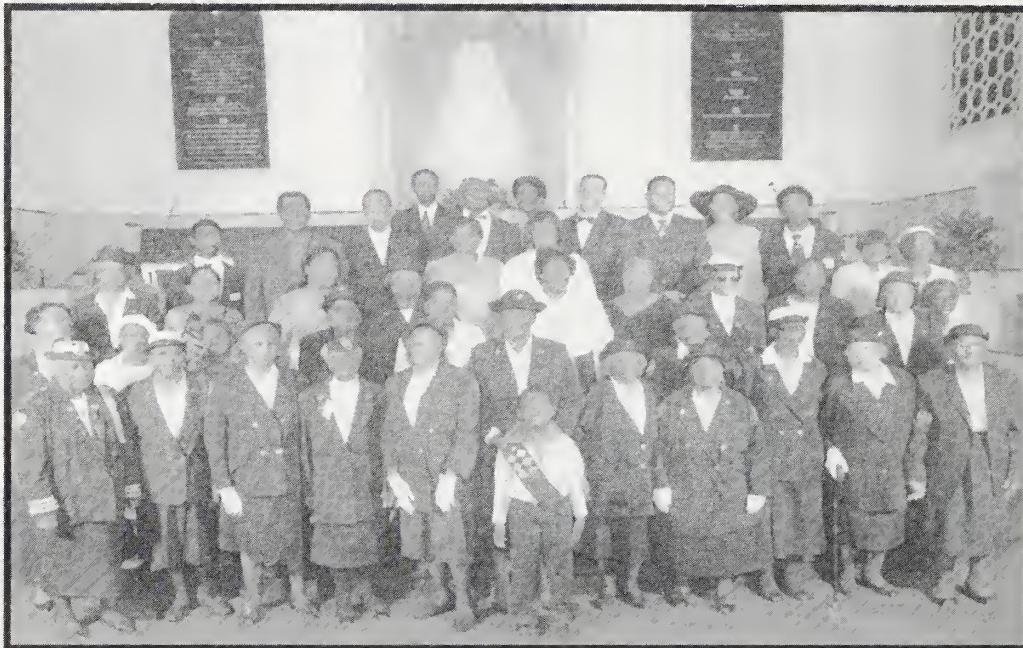
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*The Atlanta-Berean Community Service Workers
Extends to our Pastor*

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Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

*Our sincere prayers and congratulations
On this special occasion of being selected
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Congratulations to our
Senior Pastor and
Oakwood University's 2008
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Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

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We love you!

May the Lord always keep you in His care and in His favor.

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We applaud our Senior Pastor,

Dr. Carlton P. Bryd

On being selected as the 2008 Oakwood University
“Alumnus of the Year”

“We are advocates of Adventist Christian Education”

We love you,
The Atlanta-Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church
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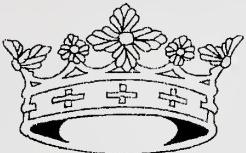
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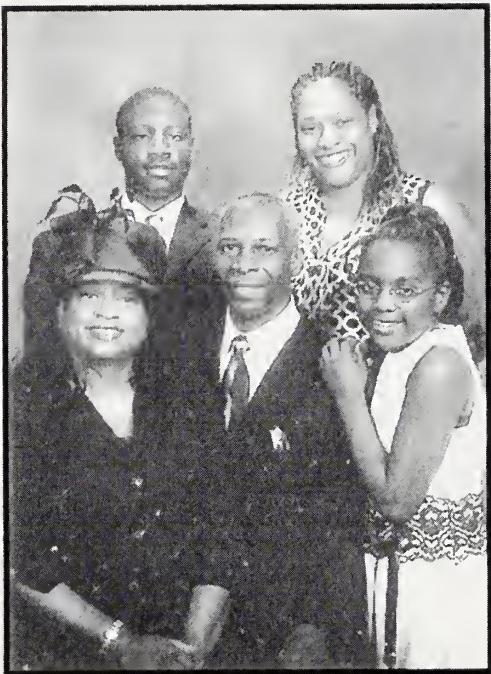
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Associate Pastor
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Atlanta-Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church

*Congratulations, Pastor Byrd
for this auspicious Honor!*

*We love and are proud of our alma mater.
You represent us well.*

*May God continue to guide and watch over you as you serve in
His vineyard.*

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To our Senior Pastor and Leader
& Oakwood's 2008
"Alumnus of the Year"

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd



Congratulations, Pastor Byrd, on this honor to represent Oakwood University and Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education.

It is a joy and wonderful experience working with you, and we thank the Lord that He ordered your steps to pastor and serve at the Atlanta-Berean Church.

May He continue to bless you, your family, and your ministry.

Emma Mackey

Church Administrator and family

Kathleen Mackey & Morgan Crowell

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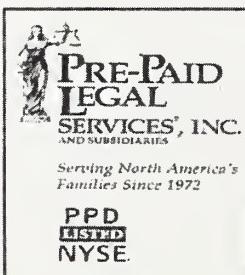


Congratulations to my Pastor,
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

On your selection as the 2008 Oakwood University
"Alumnus of the Year"
Continued blessings on you and your ministry!

From your accountant,
Patricia M. Harris

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To Pastor Carlton P. Byrd

2008

With love we extend our heartfelt gratitude

for -

Your awesome pastoral leadership -

Your enlightening zeal for evangelism -

Your universal vision for our
church family and our community.

And

With pride, we commend you on
receiving this auspicious honor!

Ralph & Zanetta Hairston

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In memory of the twenty (20) years since the passing of Henry Jones, a faithful supporter of Christian education.

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**Congratulations
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Congratulations, Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

“All around us are doors open for service.”
-- Ellen White



Your service to God and man are a blessing.
May God continue to richly bless and keep you
as we all look forward to His soon coming!

Herbron & Clarnell Fleming
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*Congratulations,
Pastor Byrd!*

We support you!



*The Saunders Family
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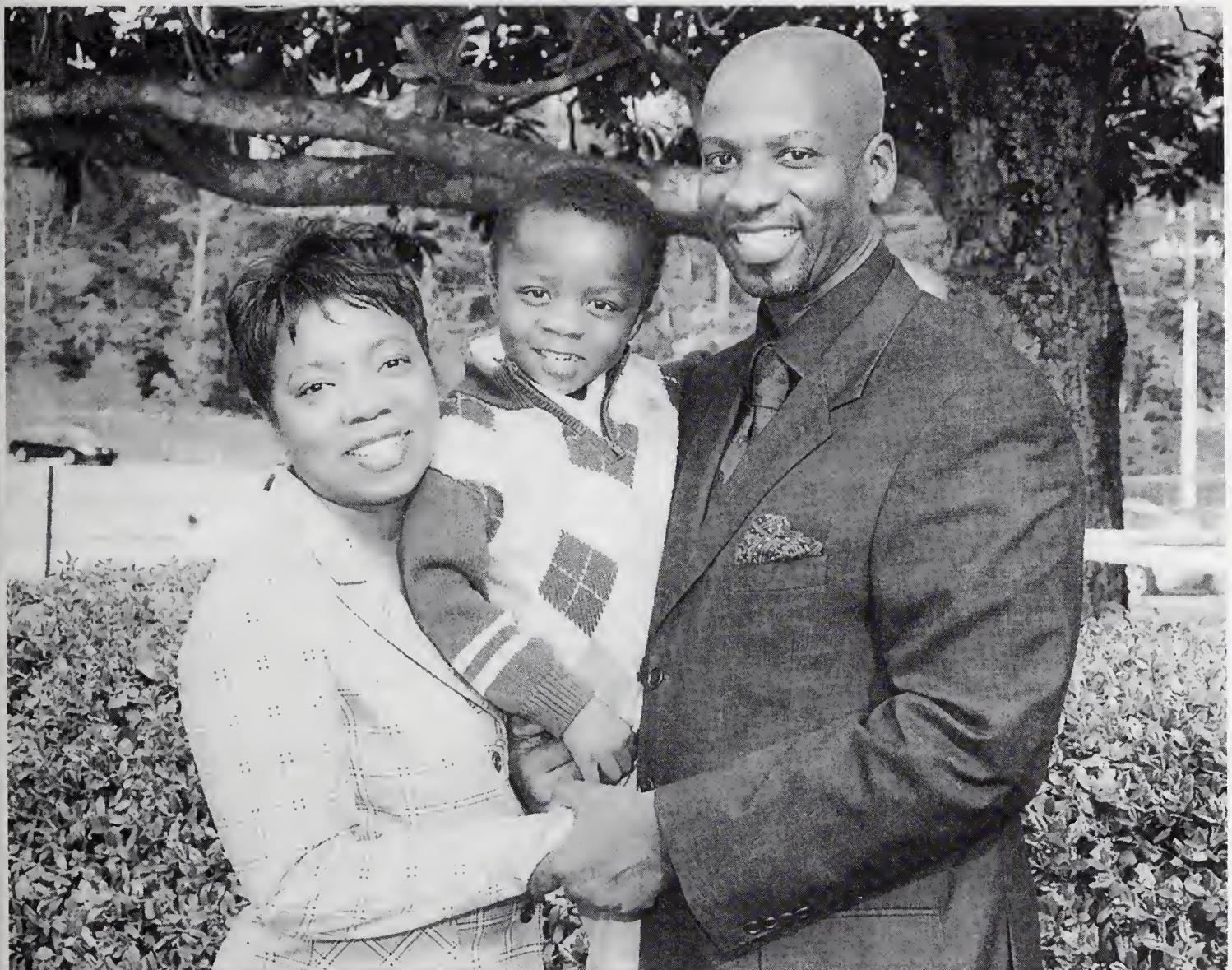
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CONGRATULATIONS
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

2008 Oakwood University Alumnus of the Year!

May God continue to use you in His service.

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The Bishop Family
Irvin, Pamela and Irvin, III (IB3)

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Congratulations

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

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“Enter to Learn – Depart to Serve”

“Service. Service. Service!

This then is the foundation and the goal of life.

No one has ever really lived life until and unless they deeply
and unselfishly serve others.”

-Samson Babi Mululu Kisekka

(Former Prime Minister and Vice President of Uganda)

Blessings always ~

Irene Merideth Bowden

Maude Merideth Smith

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Dorris Merideth Hill

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In Loving Memory of My Beloved Husband
Elder Van Runnels

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

For your accomplishment in achieving the highest honor of excellence. May God continue to energize and guide your ministry as you prepare individuals for this life and for eternity.

Mrs. Pearl Runnels
San Antonio, TX

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Congratulations, Pastor Byrd
We are all so very proud of you!

"You Are The Lord's

You are in God's place
at God's perfect time.

Your days are in His hands,
and He is your future.

He has gifted you and placed His hand upon you
to bless you and make you a blessing.

The burden of your ministry is not yours to carry -

As you rest, He will work;

As you abide, He will bring fruit;

As you sow, He will give the increase.

He is your shield and exceeding great reward.

--Roy Lessin, Author

Love and Blessings always,
Sister Kathleen Wiley
Spring, TX

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Congratulations and Best Wishes
to
Oakwood "University's" First ...

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Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

May the Lord continue to bless
you, your family, and your ministry.

Remember to always keep
the Lord first in your life.

Dr. & Mrs. Ward Sumpter

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To Dr. Carlton P. Byrd (Buddy):

**Congratulations on the honor of receiving The 2008
Alumnus of the Year Award at Our Esteemed Alma Mater!
Continue the Standard of Excellence God Has Called in You.**

We Love You !

Your Cousins,

Kimberly (Kim) Sutton, Ph.D. Class of 1988

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Congratulations to our Senior Pastor

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

On this prestigious honor of representing your alma mater
and

Thanks for your commitment, love, and spiritual leadership
to our church and our community!



Blessings always,
Horace & Peggy Walker
Atlanta-Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church

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CONGRATULATIONS
Pastor Carlton P. Byrd on being named the
2008 Oakwood University Alumnus of the Year

“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,
That ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.”

- John 15:36, KVJ

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Elder & Mrs. Ralph B. Hairston, Sr. & Family

Ralph, Jr.

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OUR MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU PASTOR BYRD (BUDDY)
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR SCHOOLS
WE THANK GOD FOR SENDING YOU TO THE ATLANTA AREA
WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS

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Congratulations to Oakwood's
2008 "Alumnus of the Year"
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

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You are truly deserving of this special honor.
From the bottom of our hearts,
we thank you for your service and for all that you do
for our church family and our community.

Blessings always,
Anthony & Helen Murphy & Family

CONGRATULATIONS TO "BUDDY" BYRD
The Oakwood 2008 Alumnus of the Year

*In loving memory of our grandparents
Arthur and Ida Nash-Moore
and our parents
Lucius and Josephine Pickens*

*Always in our Hearts!
The Pickens-Alexander Family, 2008
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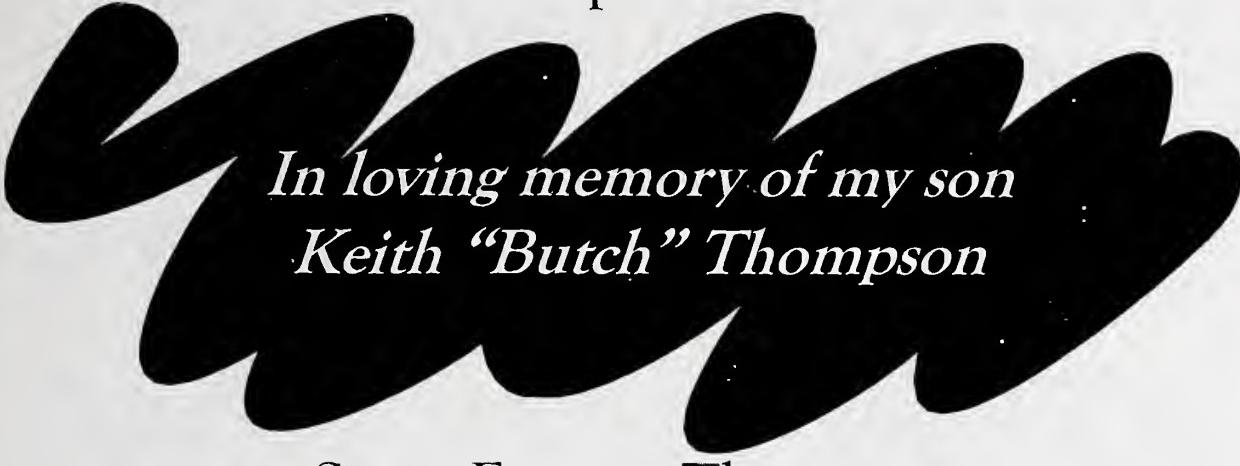
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CONGRATULATIONS

Pastor Carlton P. Byrd
On this special honor!

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*In loving memory of my son
Keith "Butch" Thompson*

Sister Frances Thompson
Atlanta-Berean SDA Church

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008
OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

DR. CARLTON P. BYRD

Senior Pastor

Atlanta-Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church

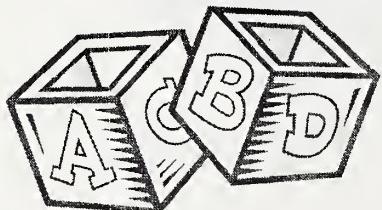


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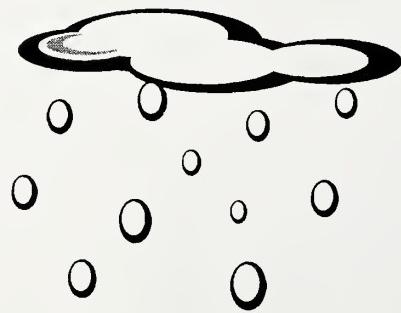
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Congratulations to our Pastor,
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd



We love you.
The Codys
Staci, Malik & MaKai

Blessings and Congratulations
to
Pastor Byrd



We thank the Lord for calling
you to Atlanta-Berean.

Stephen J. Dean & Family

*Congratulations,
Pastor Byrd
May the Lord continue
to bless your ministry.*



*Robin L. Allen
Spring, TX*

*Congratulations,
and may the Lord
continue to bless
you as you work to
hasten His soon
coming!*



*Brenda Patterson-Arthurs
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May the Lord continue
to bless and keep you,
Pastor Byrd
You are a man of God.



Berean Sabbath School Class #11
Elder Julian Palmer, Jr., Teacher

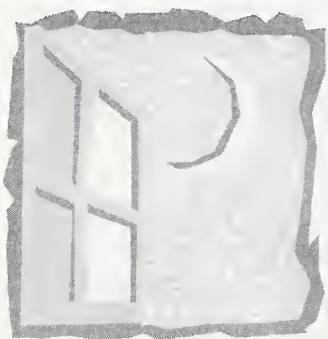
Congratulations, Pastor Byrd.
You represent our church,
our Seventh-day Adventist
community, and Oakwood
as a man of God.



We love you,
The Atlanta-Berean Senior Ministry

Congratulations, Pastor Byrd.

May the Lord open up the windows of heaven and bless you, your family and your ministry.



Lareatha Mitchell & Arnett Johnson

*Congratulations, Pastor Byrd,
on this special honor.
Thanks for your service to our
church and our community.*



*Anthony & Helen Murphy
& Family*

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Congratulations,
Pastor Carlton P. Byrd
May God continue to
bless your ministry.

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Congratulations, Pastor Byrd

*You deserve this
prestigious honor.*



The Smith Family
Curtis, Ericka,
Daylon, and Kyli



Dear Pastor Byrd:

*May God's holy anointing
continually be on your life,
and may He keep you in
all His days.*

*Congratulations,
Carol Hollie-Tsede*

*Pastor Carlton Byrd,
you are truly
a man of God.
May you always
seek Him first.*



Harriette O. Wright

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David & Sharon Cantrell

Carlton Hurt & Family

Diona Mckenzie & Family

Sister Willie Mae Reese

Earlene Slocumb

Monica & Carmese Tate

**Congratulations,
Pastor Byrd!**

**Michael & Janet Wright
& Family**

*Congratulations,
Pastor Byrd*



Joseph Johnson, Atlanta-Berean

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Sharon Robles, MD

Alumna of the Year

Sharon M. Robles, M.D. was born in New York City to Adventist parents. Early in life, she set her sights on the medical profession, declaring at the age of 4 that she would be a doctor when she grew up. Wanting her to be prepared for this life and the life to come, her parents decided that Adventist education was the only option. As such, she was privileged to attend R. T. Hudson Elementary School and Northeastern Academy both in New York City.

Oakwood College was an easy first choice when Sharon was planning for her college education. Oakwood had a reputation for getting students into excellent medical schools. More than that, Oakwood had a reputation for being a spiritual school and this is what she was looking for. In 1986, she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

God then led her to the Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC where she graduated in 1990. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Endocrinology and Metabolism at the Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. For the last 12 years she has practiced at Gouverneur Healthcare Services, one of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation treatment centers.

The church has always been a central part of Sharon's life. She is a proud "daughter" of City Tabernacle of Seventh-day Adventists in Harlem - the church where she continues to worship. Whatever her hand finds to do there, she will do with her might but she officially serves as Health Ministries leader, committee member in the Personal Ministries and Family Ministries departments. Assistant Sabbath School teacher and sound engineer.

Sharon has a special love for the health ministries work and in the past few years. God has allowed her to share her knowledge through various formats. Earlier this year, she served as the health presenter for the North England Conference Camp Meeting in Manchester, England. It is her hope and prayer that God will allow her to continue to minister in this area full time.



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**To Sharon
Congratulations on being selected as
Alumna of the Year 2008**

**May God continue to bless you
as you continue to serve Him.**

We love you.

**The Brooks Family
The Allston Family
The Reddick Family**

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Sharon, my sweet heart of a sister, I am so proud of you, from the day you were born, today and forever. You have been a jewel in the family as God has been evident in your life.

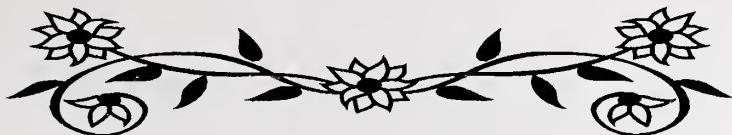
As your big sister I feel proud to hear that Oakwood College has made you its Alumna for 2008. It is a great honour for them to have chosen you and I know that you will fulfill this post with distinction.

Sharon let God continue to be your guiding light for "All things are possible through Christ who sustains us."

Your loving big sister,
Deana Robs



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Dr. Sharon M. Robles

Oakwood's Alumna of the Year

For standing in front to lead.
For standing behind to encourage.
For standing beside me as a friend.
For loving meALWAYS!

Words cannot adequately express how proud I am of you.
Not only for this acknowledgement but for who you are
and have been as a sister, friend and role model.

I have been truly blessed.

Love Always,
Your Baby Sister,
Nyssa
(O.C. Class of 1992)



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DAUGHTER DR. SHARON M. ROBLES

To be selected as Oakwood Alumna of the Year is a special honor. We wish God's richest blessings on you as you continue to serve Him and may He continue to be first and foremost in your life. We are very proud of your achievements. We give God all the praise and honor.



WE LOVE YOU!!!
Daddy and Mommy

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Spring: A Time of Rebirth

By Sharon Robles, Sophomore

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All throughout the year nature changes, affecting our moods in one way or another.

Of all the seasons, Springs is the only one in which a rebirth takes place.

During the winter months,

All life around us seems as though it has died leaving us in a cold barren world.

However, when spring time comes, the world comes alive again.

Flowers bloom, Green grass appears. Birds start to sing again.

Amidst all of these changes in nature,

There is sometimes a chance in the hearts and minds of people.

People all over, just like nature, experience a rebirth.

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Dr. Robles we LOVE, SUPPORT, and AFFIRM you
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on your selection as honoree

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SHARON

Our Friend, Our Sister, Our Family



Congratulations,

**Jeff, Meryl, Matt, Ciara and Candace
Williamson**

We Love You!

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In Memory of

Edna Lett Williamson

Our High School Principal

“The lives of great men (and women) all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sand of time.”

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Sharon E. (Robinson) Stewart

Sharon M. Robles

Northeastern Academy
Class of 1962



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Dr. Sharon M. Robles

is a most remarkable person.

From an early age she knew she wanted to be a doctor and she followed her dream all the way.

May God bless her as she continues to follow her dreams.

Rupert H. Soyer
Bronx, New York



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*The Families of
Mrs. Ruth Nwakanma
and
Mr. & Mrs. David & Uloaku Nwachukwu
salute*

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Dr. Sharon M. Robles
*for being selected as the
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Congratulations and Best Wishes
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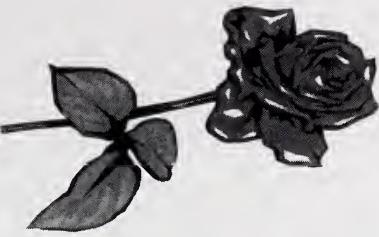
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'Aunt Edna'



Submitted by Eardell Rashford, Niece

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To Sharon M. Robles, MD

*Congratulations
On this
Wonderful Honor
which is well deserved!*

God has truly blessed you!

WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS!

*The Phillips Family
Carvil & Rose E.
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Sharon Robles

A DAUGHTER to make every parent proud
A SISTER walking by your side every step along the way
A SPIRITUAL MOTHER who's thoughtful guidance is heartfelt and true
A FRIEND when you need
A DOCTOR, A LEADER
And an example of what it means to being Christ-Like everyday

The McDonald family wants to tell you we love that you are our family,
and we are so very proud of the contributions you make to so many lives
everyday

God Bless Your Ministry

Love,
Sydney, Morgan, Sandra, Kirk, and Bro. & Sis. Mac and Patrice.



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Sharon M. Robles MD

Congratulations for being chosen as Alumna of the Year. Your achievements in life stand as living testaments of the value and worth of Christian Education. May God continue to bless you.

Edward, Grace, Cullen, Claudette, Leslie & Erika Phipps



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To Dear Sharon

One of God's Precious Gifts to us.

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May you continue to bless others.

God bless you and all the Robles Family



Dr. Marcianne Harriott-Harris

Mr. Oscar Harriott

Ms. Deah Harriott

Mr. Duane Harriott

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Congratulations to our Adopted Daughter

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Dr. Sharon M. Robles

We are so proud of the woman you have become.

We see how God has been working in your life
and trust that the best is yet to come.

We love you dearly.

Elder Cornelius and Sis. Dollie Jones
Bronx, New York

Dr. Sharon Robles



Excellent Christian Worker
Doing what she can to advance
God's Message and hasten His coming

Frances Goodine

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Sharon, we the Daniel Family join the Oakwood Alumni in wishing you the best.

Congratulations!

Love!

Elder and Sister Daniel



To our beloved Dr. Sharon Robles,
Congratulations and much success in your continued journey. May God richly bless and always be with you in every endeavor. We love you and support you always.

Love,
Uncle Llewellyn, Auntie Viola, and Lori

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Nyssa V. Robles
Director of Program Services
(O. C. Class of 1992)

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and
Baptist Family and Children's Services
would like to congratulate her sister,

Dr. Sharon M. Robles

May God continue to bless you as you move forward doing His work.

Congratulations!

Dr. Robles is among the most genuine characters of Christian completeness that we know of anywhere. Dr. Robles exemplifies spiritual balance in every area we know. Your decision to confer upon her this honor is most fitting. Congratulations Dr. Robles for your leadership and example to the world.

*Sincerely,
The Cothians*

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*Congratulations
and
Best Wishes to...*

Dr. Sharon M. Robles

The Myke Family

In honour of my niece

Sharon M. Robles, M.D.

Oakwood College Alumna of the Year

We have always been proud of you.
You have achieved well in your chosen field and have
become a true Christian ambassador in your daily life.

May God continue to bless and keep you.

Your "prideful" Aunt I and cousins
London, England



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Congratulations
Dr. Sharon Robles
My “Doc”

“In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.”
Proverbs 3:6

I Love You.

Sis. Olga Shelton
Kingston, Jamaica

*Congratulations to the
2008 Oakwood College
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Sharon M. Robles, MD.

*Best wishes from your
colleagues and friends at
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Congratulations
to
Sharon M. Robles, MD

We are privileged to call you blessed and
commend you for your service and dedication
to God, your community,
church and family.

May He continue to guide your footsteps
and prepare you for success both now and in the future.

from

Sarah White, Sylvia White-Carrington, Adam Carrington
Vanessa White, and Veronica White-Farrell

Dearest Dr. Robles,

It is with great excitement that we celebrate such a well-deserved honor with you. You are indeed a very special person to our family and we congratulate you enthusiastically. You are a great role model for all Christian Women and there could never be a better choice for this honor. We Salute you, we Appreciate you and we thank God for you and will continue to keep you in our prayers.

Love Always,
The Walcott Family

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CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES

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SHARON M. ROBLES M.D. **OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNA OF THE YEAR**

I am pleased to celebrate with Dr. Sharon M. Robles this distinct honor, because once again, this demonstrates that God truly honors those who honor Him.

Dr. Robles is a lifelong learner who loves the Lord and has reciprocated His love by loving and caring for others. She is a humble person who has given dedicated service to her church, and has quietly and sacrificially given to others. This honor therefore is one of the results of God's kept promise: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". Matt 6:33

The honor could not have been awarded to a dearer sister-friend and I offer congratulations as I salute her.

Kathleen L Greenaway

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With Great Pleasure
and
Warmest Congratulations
to
Dr. Sharon Robles

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on this occasion of being selected as Alumna of the Year, 2008
May God continue to give you peace, prosperity and success

Edward and Sandra Herndon
Bronx, New York

The Northeastern Conference Health Association*
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Congratulates

Dr. Sharon Robles, Alumna of The Year

May God Continue to Bless Your Dedicated Ministry

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Sharon M. Robles, MD

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Congratulations on celebrating your
41st Annual Homecoming celebration.

May God continue to bless
your fine institution,
also the excellent teaching
and support given to the students.

From: Amy Turner

Dear Dr. Sharon Robles,

Congratulations on being selected as the Oakwood College Alumna of the Year for 2008. This is a great Honor that you most truly deserve. May God continue to bless you with the gifts and talents He has given to you in serving others. As a friend and member of City Tabernacle I salute you.

Love Elder Linda Marrow & Family





*Message
from
Dr. W. Fitzgerald Kerr
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*May God continue
to bless you.*

*Love,
Walter and Gloria Ralph
Apopka, Florida*



*Our Best Wishes
and
Congratulations
to
Dr. Sharon Robles
on her achievement*

*We sincerely wish her
continued success and
God's Blessings
for the future.*

Milton and Gloria Lawrence

Congratulations!
Best Wishes

to
Sharon M. Robles M.D.

Adrian & Vivian Andrews

Congratulations!
Sharon

You made Oakwood Alumna of
the Year. We are not surprised.
You are a star. Look out world!

Love,

Carolina Weise
O.C. Class of 1992

Marcia Turner
O.C. Class of 1993

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Dr. Robles,
We thank you for
showing us how to
continuously strive
for the blessings
of life by engaging
in honorable,
life-long activities.

Zeta Nash-Walters



Sharon Robles



Congratulations, Thank
God for your dedicated
unselfish ministry at
City Tabernacle SDA
Church.

Love,
Vilma Brown

Congratulations Sharon
on this
Honorary Occasion

From Lorna and Kadeem with love.

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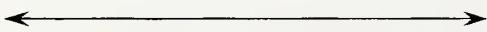

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Evelyn Fields

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Sharon Robles

*It is nice having a
friend of God for a friend.*

Congratulations.

George, Sharon & Eden

Congratulations
Alumna of Year

Sharon M. Robles, MD



Violet Hall Thompson

Dr. Robles

The Lord Bless Thee, and
Keep Thee, The Lord
Make His Face to shine
upon Thee.

Love you,
The Simmons Family
City Tabernacle
N.Y.C.

Congratulations!

Dr. Robles

God Bless You

Elder John Patrick
Bro. & Sis. Hudson

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Congratulations to

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

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"It is not the greatness of the work,
but the love with which it is done and
the motive underlying the action
that determines its worth.

There is work to be done for our neighbors
and for those with whom we associate."

-- Ellen G. White

Your service to your church and community are
true acts of love.

*We thank the Lord that He has called you
to Himself, to your ministry, and to us.*

*Blessings always,
Harold & Joann Clarke-Brown
Berean Family Life Leaders*

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CONGRATULATIONS DR. CARLTON P. BYRD

*On your being honored as the Oakwood University 2008
Alumnus of the Year!*

*We are so proud of you and the way that you have answered the
great commission to
“go and preach the gospel.”*



*Love and Blessings,
Your family at Berean
Patricia A. Patterson & Keith Mitchell*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO
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In Loving Memory of our Parents

Elder Hector Mouzon, Sr.

Mrs. Thelma Mouzon

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We love and miss you dearly – Your children,

Elder Hector Mouzon, II & Family

Clifton Mouzon & Family

Willa Dean Champen & Family

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Rachael Mouzon & Family

Milton Mouzon & Family

Richard Reynolds Mouzon & Family

Alphonso Smith & Family

Thomas Cannon

Pastor Byrd, we pray that the Lord's blessings
will continually keep you in His care.

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Congratulations, Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

We salute you on this grand occasion and thank you for the many contributions you are making to our congregation, our community, and to Oakwood University.



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--E.G. White, "Education", Chapter 7

God's continued blessings on you and your ministry!

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In Praise of Sharon

She is indeed a rose whose fragrance is most rare
And everyone who knows her these sentiments would share
She has chosen a profession that would help both great and small
She has a Christ like heart in caring she stands tall
She loves the Lord most dearly and stands by her church
Looking then for her helpfulness? Right there would end your search
We sincerely wish to commend her for her outstanding talents
In her care and her devotion to her dear elderly parents
So we pray God's richest blessing on all you say and do
And from day to day dear Sharon your strength He will renew
And now, may heaven's blessings attend you
Until sin and suffering cease, and May the good Lord then enfold you
In His almighty loving arms within His golden ring of peace.

The West Family





The City Tabernacle Church Family
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DR. SHARON M. ROBLES, MD

CONGRATULATIONS to you
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Assistant Pastor

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Vernee' Stoddart Certificate of Merit Allegheny East Conference

Vernee' Annette Stoddart is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the youngest of five siblings and the only girl.

Having attended both public and Christian schools, Vernee' has long believed that Christian education truly makes an outstanding difference in a young person's life. Because of this, she has encouraged and enlightened a multitude of young people to attend Oakwood University in order to fulfill their divine calling and purpose in life. Her accomplishments as a mentor throughout the Allegheny East Conference have established her in the hearts of many youth as one of the most respected and admired persons in the Adventist church today.

Her ministry has a lasting impact in northern New Jersey, Baltimore-Washington metro area, and central Virginia where she founded *His Own* and the *New Millennium Generation* youth choirs. Vernee' has also spearheaded new praise dance ministries in the Allegheny East Conference with groups such as *Spiritual Expressions* and *Angelic Steps*. Vernee' dynamism and spirit-led versatility has opened up opportunities for her to serve as church, community and AEC women's ministry conference gospel aerobics instructor.

She has attended Oakwood Academy, Pine Forge Academy and then Oakwood College. Vernee' furthered her education at Andrews University where she earned her bachelor's degree in communicative disorders in speech and hearing in 1986. She then attended Johns Hopkins University where she received both her Masters of Science and MBA degrees specializing in marketing management in 2002. She has worked for the World Headquarters of Seventh-Day Adventists and the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. Vernee' enjoys writing and has written several articles for the *Adventist Review*, *Shepherdess International*, and the *Visitor Magazine*. Presently, she is a successful real estate professional with Long and Foster Realtors.

Vernee' is the founder and director of W.I.N.G.S., a Christian etiquette organization for young girls. Her heart's desire and mission is to nurture and help prepare young girls spiritually, socially and physically into victorious Christ-centered lives and to convey the Biblical values of beauty, purity, kindness and humility as well as distinguish them as respectful young individuals in our society.

Vernee' has been happily married to Dr. Errol T. Stoddart, a minister and author for the past 22 years. They presently reside in Midlothian, Virginia where he serves as the senior pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church located in Richmond, Virginia. She is a member of the Oakwood Alumni Association and is organizing chapter in the Richmond area.

Her most cherished scripture is, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5,6



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Congratulations Vernee Stoddart

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*Continue to be my beautiful, intelligent,
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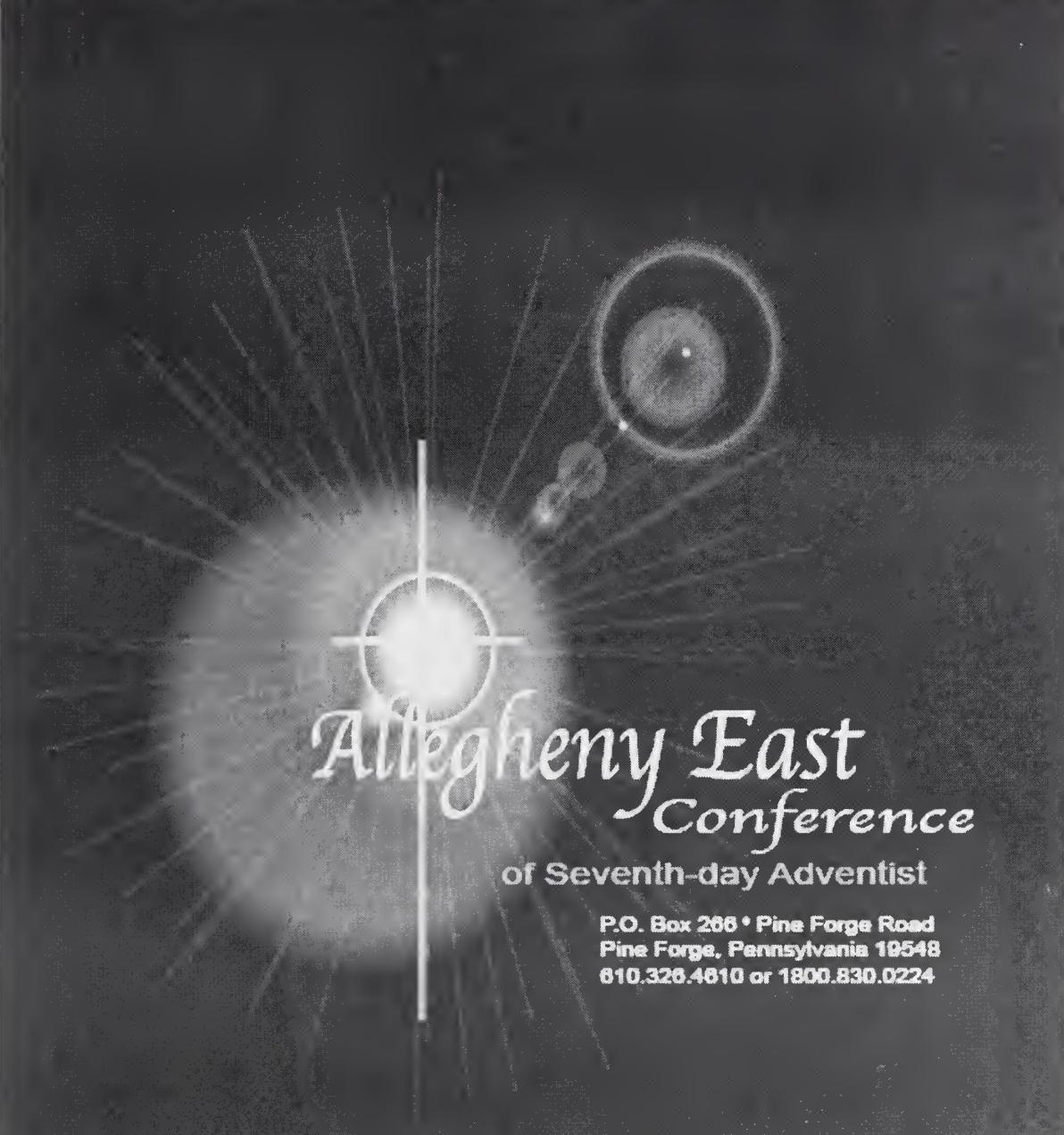
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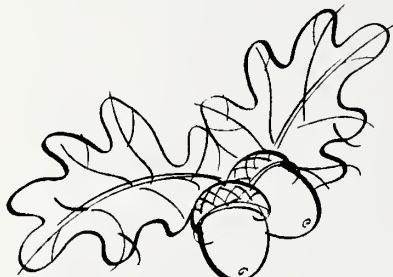
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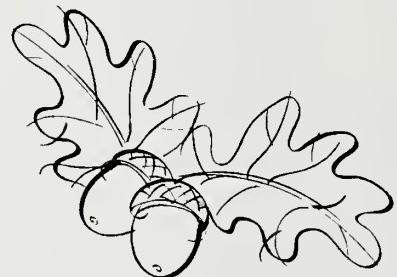
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Keep Up the Good Work



Irene and Jonathan Walker

Congratulations

Vernee

I am so very
proud of you

Love,
Mother

Congratulations

Sister Stoddart

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May God continue
to bless you in
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Rda E. Foster

Congratulations!

Vernee Stoddart

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Barbara Smith



Vernee Stoddart

*from
Keith Wallace*

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sisters Ebony Trotter Holland and Katrina Trotter Kibble. The group has been nominated for several awards including the Stellar and Dove Awards. She travels the world and shares stages with many great performers as she witnesses through song. In addition to spreading the Gospel musically, Heather and her sisters have also used Virtue as a platform for motivational speaking and to launch "Virtue Girls", a national organization for girls of all ages to teach etiquette and the principles of Proverbs 31.

On July 4, 2004, Heather married the love of her life, Dr. Colin Alex Martin. They currently reside in Florence, Kentucky and are members of the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. They are blessed to have a new addition to their family, Colin Alex Martin, II who was born on January 31, 2007. Heather was also blessed to recently graduate from Kaplan University, Summa Cum Laude with a Master's of Arts in Teaching and Learning. Whenever Heather is not on the road with Virtue, she finds herself in the classroom teaching as an adjunct professor at a local college and substituting for the area public schools. Heather is a proud product of Christian education and a shining example that God can use anybody. God's blessings are so evident in Heather's life and her biggest hope is to work hard and continue spreading God's love through her life so that she may one day meet Him in heaven.

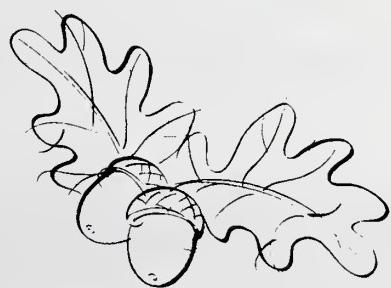
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Certificate of Merit

Allegheny West Conference

Heather Trotter Martin was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Louis and Rebecca Trotter on February 2, 1977. Her mother, a new Seventh-day Adventist and raising six children alone, firmly believed in the importance of Christian education. Therefore, she worked hard to send Heather and her siblings to the schools of the prophets. Heather attended Ephesus Junior Academy, Valley Grande Academy, and later Oakwood College. While at Oakwood, Heather sang briefly with Dynamic Praise, Deliverance, and other small groups. She also traveled as part of the Oakwood College Recruitment Team to sing and motivate other prospective students to attend the college. Heather studied English/Language Arts Education and graduated Cum Laude in 1999.

Shortly after graduating from Oakwood College, Heather joined the national recording Gospel group Virtue, comprised of her two



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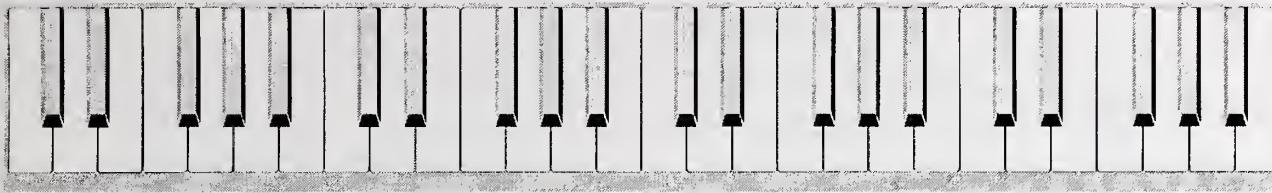
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Congratulations Auntie Heather!!!
You're the best,
keep up the good work.

Love,
Skip, Ebony and Stinger Holland

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The Greater Cincinnati Chapter
of the
Oakwood University Alumni Association

and

Daryl Foster
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Congratulates

Heather Trotter Martin
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Honoree for 2008

Continue to be a Virtuous Woman for Christ
As You and Your Sisters Minister Through Song



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Heather Trotter Martin

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From

The Connie Strong Mayfield Chapter
(Columbus, Ohio)
Raymond Roe, President

And

Connie Strong Mayfield
AWC Regional Vice President—OUAA



Congratulations Heather! Oakwood could not have selected a more deserving honoree. While in school at Oakwood you were a paragon of excellence...academically, socially, and spiritually. We are proud to see that your commitment to being a positive role model [Ms. Former Positive Images] has not wavered.

We are thrilled that you have been recognized as the stellar Alumna that you are. It is such a blessing to see the fruits of an Adventist education as you give back to your Alma Mater this weekend. Along with the rest of Oakwood University's Alumni, we salute you in honor on your success and accomplishments as a professional Christian woman. Most notably, thank you for your unyielding effort to uphold true Christian values and morals as you minister to a secular world through Virtue.

May God continue to bless you and your family as you spread his love through your music. You are truly an inspiration to those around you!

We love you dearly,

Adaire & Benjamin Brown

Congratulations, Congratulations
to

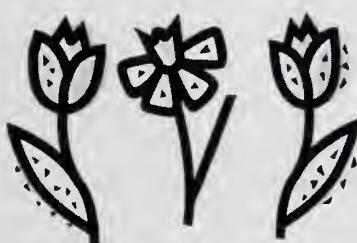
Heather T. Martin
Oakwood Honoree



Carrie Walker

The Helping Hand Fruit Club
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Cincinnati Shiloh

We Love You Heather!



May the Lord always
bless you.

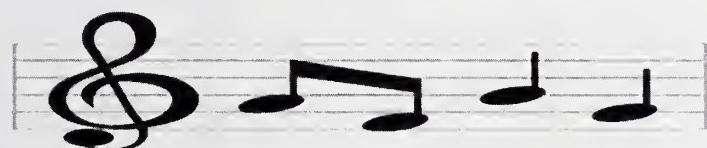
With much love,
Auntie Sylvia Thomas

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Janice L. Walker
Cincinnati Shiloh



Congratulations to my
daughter, Heather Martin, on
such a prestigious honor! I am
so very proud of you and the
wonderful accomplishments God
has allowed you to achieve.
Keep living for the Master!

Love,
Your Mother
Rebecca Trotter

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Debera Ayers Certificate of Merit South Atlantic Conference

Mrs. Debera Ann Ayers is a native of Jacksonville, Florida and is the eldest of three children born to the late Myrtis and Thomas Burton. She was educated in Duval County, Florida school system; she currently resides in Box Springs, Georgia.

Debera is a graduate of Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City, Alabama where she received an Associate Degree in Business Management. She is a trainer of trainers of evidence-based prevention curriculums, she has received certificates of completion from organizations such as "Too Good for Drugs", the Mendez Foundation, Prevention Credentialing Consortium of Georgia, level CPS and "Protecting You-Protecting Me" the (MADD) Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization.

A business entrepreneur, Debera is owner of "Ann'tistic Consultant Services, LLC, which is an interior and special event designer; healthlwellness and beauty needs provider. She is employed as a Program Coordinator with Morehouse School of Medicine Community Health & Preventive Medicine, Health Promotion Resource Center, Atlanta, Georgia and is a Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist

with the Talbot County Board of Education/Georgia Family Connection, Talbotton, Georgia.

Debera is an active member in her church; she has served in several capacities including 28 years as a deaconess and currently is Sabbath School Superintendent. Former positions held are Sabbath School Assistant Superintendent, Usher, Choir Member and Health and Temperance Leader at Shepherd Drive and New Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

Committed to her belief that children should receive a Christian Education and wanting to help provide assistance to those who want to attend Oakwood College, she is secretary of the Chattahoochee Valley Oakwood College Alumni Association Chapter in Columbus, Georgia a position held for three years.

Debera is actively involved in community and civic organizations. She serves as secretary of the Talbot County Chapter NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), a position she has held for nine years. She is also a board member with the Prevention Credentialing Consortium of Georgia. She promotes a drug-free community environment and encourages the youth in the communities she serve to become drug free and to stay drug free. She combines her drug-free mission with her spiritual mission to the youth in her programs impressing upon them to present their bodies as a living sacrifice unto the Lord.

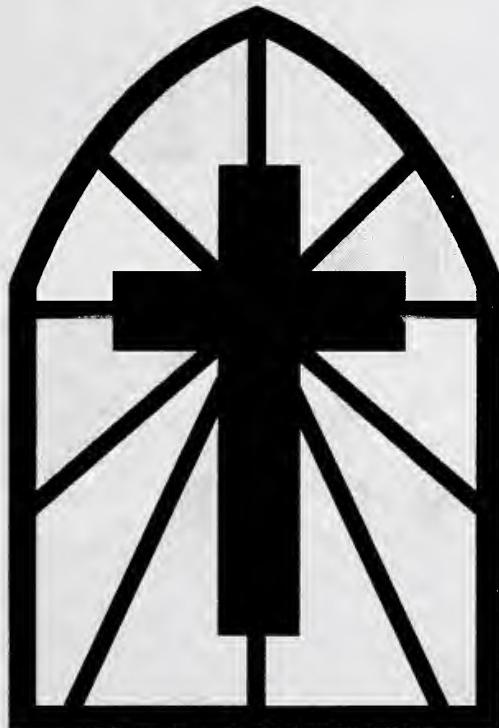
Debera freely admits that she realizes the blessings of the Lord upon her life. She praises God for His spirit which allows her to help mankind using the blessings and opportunities he has awarded her. She gives special thanks to her supportive and loving husband, Napoleon, their children and her siblings. She also expresses gratitude to the Chattahoochee Valley Oakwood College Alumni Association Chapter and Pastor Godwin Mitchell for their loyalty and support.

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Congratulations
to
A Dedicated Member of 30 Years
Debera Ayers

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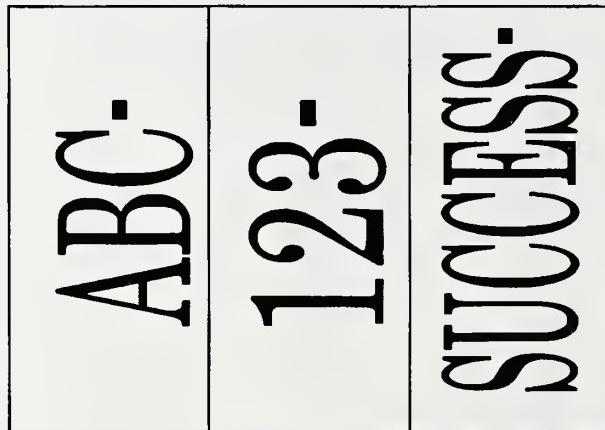
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Special Congratulations
to
Mrs. Debera A. Ayers
Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist

My prayers are for your success.



Sincerely,
Robert W. Patrick, Superintendent
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Mrs. Debera Ayers



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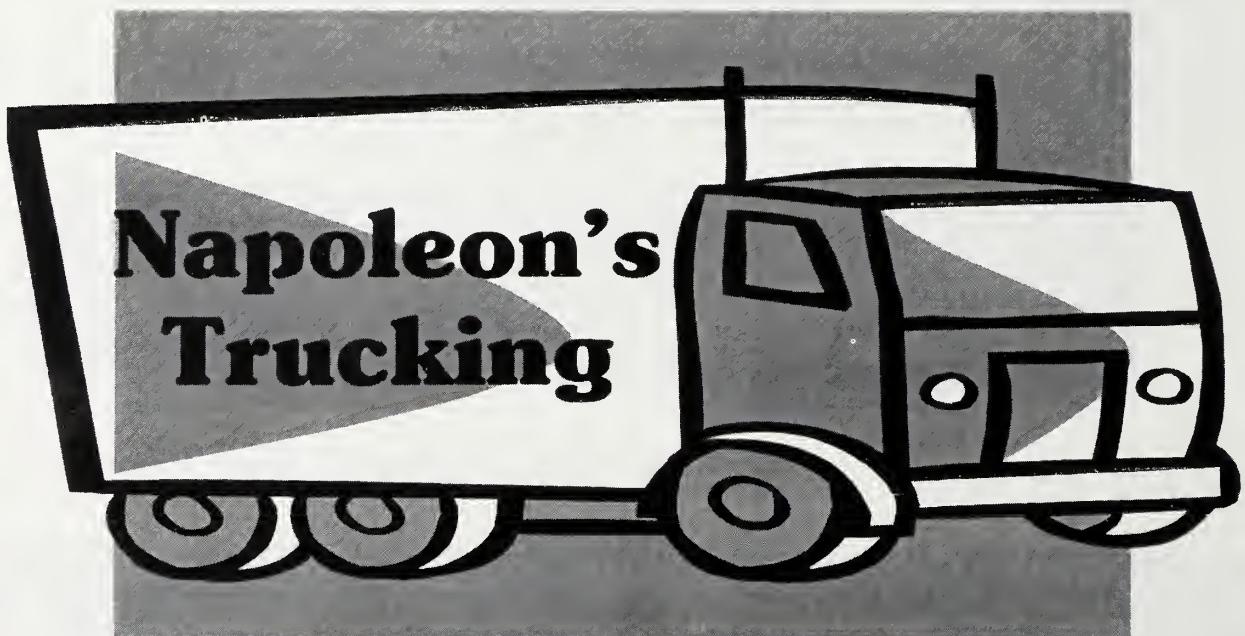
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*Congratulations
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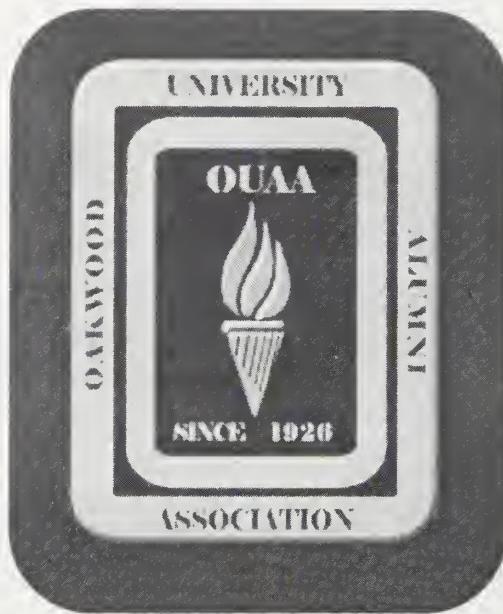


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Congratulations

To A Dedicated Member

Mrs. Debera A. Ayers



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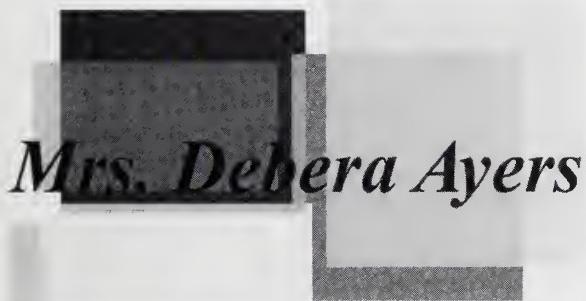


*Congratulations
To
Mrs. Debera Ann Ayers*

Much love and prayers.

The Walton Family

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(Health Promotion Resource Center)
congratulates a dedicated
worker and friend



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Director

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Congratulation to a
dedicated, special and
prayerful woman of
God.

Continue being all in Christ

Dr. Elaine Booker



*Congratulations
to
All 2009 Honorees*

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Congratulation

Love is the tie that binds sisters together

To my only sister, Mrs. Debera Ayers, who holds the roles as my best friend and mentor, words alone can not express how proud I am of you. Your life is likening to a seed that has been planted and I have watched grow, not all divas are well rounded as you. Continue the outstanding work; our parents would have been proud. Love your Sister, Gloria J. Thomas.

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Love is the tie that binds sisters together

Congratulations
to
Mrs. Debera Ayers
Talbot County NAACP
Georgia

Congratulations
to
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church by Pastor N. B. Smith and Elder E. E. Cleveland, evangelist.



Donella Stewart, LHD

Certificate of Merit

South Central

Donella Vivian Ricks Stewart was born on October 16, 1922 to Henry Robert and Annie Vivian Bass Ricks in Whitakers, North Carolina. She was educated in the public school system in North Carolina, graduating from high school in 1939. She attended Oakwood College and graduated with a BS degree in elementary and early childhood education from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. In 1992, she was awarded and Honorary Doctorate Degree in Human Letters from Faith Grant College in Birmingham, Alabama.

1944 was a momentous year for Donella. She married David N. Stewart and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist

She and her husband are the proud parents of two children, David N. Stewart, Jr. and Dorcas Renee' Mobley, PhD. David is married to Linda F. Stewart and is a Graphic Art and Pre-press Designer. Dorcas Renee' Mobley, PhD is a Marriage and Family Counselor. They have four grandchildren and one great grandson. All of her children and grandchildren are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Donella worked for the Hillsborough County Health Department (1965-1971) and for the Hillsborough county School Board (1973-1988). She retired in 1988.

Donella believes in working in the church. She has taught in all levels of the Sabbath School except in the Cradle Roll Division. She has served as Sabbath School Superintendent, Sabbath School Secretary, Home and School Leader, Community Service Worker, Family Life Leader, AYS and Children's Ministries Leader, Church Organist, Personal Ministries Secretary, Children's Choir Director, Head Deaconess and Pathfinder Leader and Assistant Pathfinder Leader. She was invested as a Master Guide in 2004 at the age of eighty-two.

Donella is a member of HARAW Association, J. L. Moran Alumni Association and ROSDA in Huntsville, Alabama.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord." Zechariah 4:6

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Congratulations!!

Ricks-Stewart, LHD

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To my loving wife...

You will always be my friend, my soul mate, my partner,
my lover, and my all.

Thank you for your love, understanding, companionship, devotion,
unselfishness, and
God-fearing ways.

I am truly a blessed husband.
You deserve this honor, my wife, my Swan.
I love you.

Your loving husband,
David N. Stewart, Sr.

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Congratulations
To
Sis. Donella Stewart
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May God continue to bless and keep you.

From
The J. L. Moran Alumni Chapter
Huntsville, Alabama

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Congratulations!!



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Congratulations and Rich Blessings
to
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from
The James Family Tampa, Florida
In memory of our daughter and sister,
Cynthia Arlene James Hicks

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Mr. Alphonso and Mrs. Althea James, Katrina, Cynthia (deceased), Lorraine, Alphonso, Jr. and Jerome James

Cynthia's Children



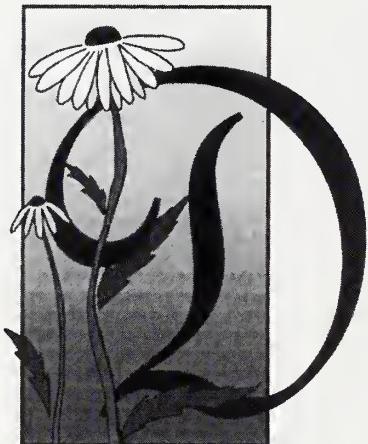
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*Best Wishes
to
Donella Vivian Ricks-Stewart, LHD
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We are happy to join the multitude of peers and associates, friends and family who are extending congratulatory and thankful expressions. We applaud you for your dedication and service to teaching and outstanding church work.

*Dr. and Mrs. Alfonzo Greene, Sr.
and
Professor Alfonzo Greene, Jr.*



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Donella Vivian Ricks-Stewart, LHD,

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Congratulations!

On your achievements and success.

May GOD continue to richly bless you

in everything that you do.

Love,

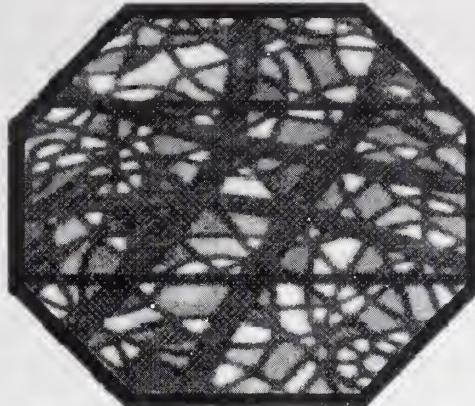
Teresa Washington Branch

and daughter

Jattie Branch



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*Congratulations
to
Donella Vivian Ricks-Stewart*

May the Lord continue to bless and
keep you in all of your endeavors

The Oakwood University Church of SDA

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Pastor Lloyd Wilson, Pastoral Care
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Sister Donella Stewart, LHD

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Believe in life! Always human beings will live and progress
to greater, broader and fuller life. -W. E. B. Dubois

Your life has made a positive impact on others through your
exemplary leadership, wisdom, Godly visions, missionary work,
kindness, thoughtfulness, and love.

Congratulations and God Bless

From Your Extended Family

Jackie Mentor, KeAndrea Titer and Rosa Lowe

*Congratulations
to
Donella Stewart
South Central Conference
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*from
The Oakwood Sisters
Zeola Allston & Everlyna Germany
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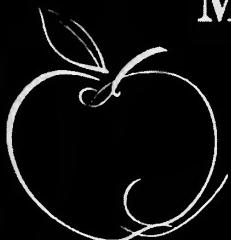
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FROM

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“YOUR FIRST GRADE STUDENT”

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*Blessings
to
Donella Stewart*

*from
The Oakwood University Prayer Band*

Congratulations to Donella Stewart

With loving memories of
James & Viola,
Silas, and Leon Davis

Lovey Davis Verdun

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*Congratulations,
Donella Vivian Ricks-Stewart, LHD
Our family is proud of your example...
Blessed by your caring...
Amazed at your energy...
And, so grateful for your love.
God bless you, Mother, our Swan.*

From your children:

David, Jr., Linda, & Renee

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Cheers!!! And, May God bless you, Mother.
The last few years continue to culminate in many ways, rewarding you for the very special, Christian life you live. Being chosen by the J. L. Moran Alumni Chapter, as the South Central Conference Certificate Awards Honoree, is no less deserving. Thank you for your great example, and the wonderful, unselfish mother that you are. We love, and remain in awe of you as you grow.

David N. Stewart, Jr. and Linda T. Stewart

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Dear Donella,

Congratulations, may
the Lord continue to
bless you as you
continue to represent
Him in all that you
pursue.

Annell Wright

Congratulations!

Donella Stewart

South Central Conference
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Ethel R. Woodard
Florida

Congratulations
to

Mrs. Donella Vivian Ricks-Stewart, LHD

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Looking forward to seeing you in March.

Jacqueline Colvin Sperry



Dear Mrs. Stewart:

Congratulations on being selected as the South Central Conference Certificate Awards Honoree! Thank you for your commitment and contributions to Christian education.

With sincere best wishes,

Rose Yates-Lashley, Ph.D.

*Congratulations,
Mrs. Donella R. Stewart!*

*A True Christian Woman
and*

A Great Teacher!



Lily M. James, Ph. D.
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To
Sister Donella Stewart

On your election as Certificate of Merit
for the
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Many thanks for your commitment to
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Congratulations
Donella Vivian Ricks-Stewart, LHD

I am very proud of you being
selected to receive this award.



Pastor Joseph L. Follette Sr.

Congratulations!
Donella Vivian Ricks-Stewart, LHD
South Central Honoree



Claude & Elaine Howard

Congratulations Donella!!!

We love you.



Brent and Rilla Spaulding

Congratulations
Momma Stewart
May God continue to bless you.
You are truly deserving of this honor.
Love,
Melody Skinner

"Great is thy faithfulness..."
Lam. 3:23



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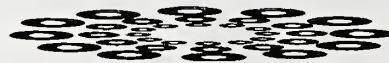
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From
Dennis & Betty Newby
Florida



Congratulations
Mrs. Donella Steward Stewart
On your honorable occasion

E. E. Rogers

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Alecia Wells Certificate of Merit Northeastern Conference

Alecia Wells proudly hails from the Northeastern Conference. As a third generation Ephesian, Alecia has followed in the footsteps of her parents, maternal grandparents and paternal grandmother as an active member of the Ephesus Church family in Harlem USA.

Born to Lawrence Wesley Thomas and the late Consuelo Crabb-Thomas, Alecia spent her early years in Philadelphia, PA where her family attended the Ebenezer SDA Church. When she was 5 years old, Alecia's parents moved to Pasadena, CA where the family attended the Altadena SDA Church. It was at the Altadena Church where Alecia began her Christian service. Over the years, Alecia has worked as a Sabbath School pianist and teacher, Assistant Sabbath School Superintendent, Pathfinder Treasurer, AYS leader, Stewardship leader, Finance Committee member, and Church Treasurer Assistant.

Alecia's love for Christian service is only equaled by her love for knowledge. Alecia received her early education in the Adventist School system of Southern California where she attended San Gabriel Elementary and Glendale Academy. At an early age, she demonstrated a strong aptitude for the sciences and engineering. In high school, she placed 3rd in the Los Angeles County Science Fair

for her computer-animated demonstration. As a result, she received a scholarship to study at Boston University in a summer science program. Alecia matriculated to the University of California at Berkeley and graduated with a BA in Applied Mathematics. Alecia was only one out of 2 African American females in a class of 200 to graduate from the Math Department that year.

In her senior year of college, Bell Communications Research (now Telcordia) of New Jersey, on their nation wide recruitment tour, selected Alecia to participate in their Graduate Studies Program. Alecia elected to attend Steven's Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. She received her MS in Computer Science in 1991.

Most of Alecia's career has been in telecommunications working at Telcordia. She is most proud of her work on Verizon's DSL project and the migration of data systems between Bell Atlantic and NYNEX when they became Verizon. Additionally, Alecia was placed on the Y2K project, testing various telecommunications systems used worldwide to ensure the telephone system worked on 1/1/2000.

In 2003, Alecia pursued her dream to teach full-time and left Corporate America. She currently teaches Computers at a Science and Technology Magnet School in Upper Montclair, NJ. She uses her corporate experiences in technology to prepare our future leaders for the real world!

When Alecia is not teaching or working in the church, she is at home with her husband, Lawrence Wells, I (Oakwood Alumni) of Yonkers, NY, and her one-year-old son Lawrence Wells, II. Alecia became active in the Oakwood Alumni Association through her husband. Together they enjoy working as a team to support the efforts of the A. Samuel Rashford Oakwood Alumni Association. In 2006, Alecia used her strong background in project management to raise over \$5200 for Christian Education in the Annual A. Samuel Rashford Baby contest.

Alecia is honored to be awarded a Certificate of Merit and will continue to work to support Christian Education.

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Honoring the Thomas Women



Sarah Thomas
Deceased: 12/28/11 – 1/14/90



Consuelo Thomas
Deceased: 5/19/41 – 11/5/07



Alecia Thomas-Wells
2008 Oakwood College Alumni

From a loving father, husband and son
Lawrence Wesley Thomas

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Congratulations

to

Mrs. Alecia Wells

Northeastern Conference Certificate of Merit



Compliments
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Stennett H. Brooks, President

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Aunt Edna,
we miss you

Lawrence Wells I,
Alecia Wells (2008 Oakwood Alumni Awardee),
and "Little" Lawrence.

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Alecia Wells



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Faithful and Good Worker
for

Ephesus and A. Samuel Rashford Chapter of OC&A

Congratulations.
Frances Goodine

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to

Alecia Wells



In Loving Memory of your Mom
Connie Thomas



Love
Violet Hall Thompson

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In all that you do to help young people
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Fighter Becomes Advocate

WOMAN-ON-WOMAN ABUSE

Alumna book signing in the mall on Sunday.



**DEBORAH JOHNSON SPENCE, PH.D.
AUTHOR OF *POISON AMONG US: EXPOSING REASONS
WOMEN HURT WOMEN***

Little did she know when nine-years of age, that she would champion the campaign against Woman-on-Woman Abuse? Yet at the age of nine, she stood there, chatting with a paraprofessional, hesitating to exit the school's double doors, stalling as she awaited the safe haven of her mother's presence. Though not known then, subtleties she noted as her eyes met a few other girls' eyes were the beginning of her understanding of the hidden subculture of covert behaviors between females. Her mother, all too familiar with the morning preludes of "Momma can you pick me up from school today?" understood that another threat must have been issued the day before.

Little did youthful Deborah Johnson know that abusive behaviors between females, whether physical, verbal, or emotional, would become a central theme in her life, nor that she would later conduct a study that would quantitatively demonstrate that abuse between women was then, and continues to be, frightfully real today.

Years later, in January 2008--after her twelve-state study: *The Phenomenon of Woman-on-Woman-Abuse and Its Relationship to Gender Profiles and the Personal Experiences of Women* was defended and described as exemplary by faculty in the Andrews University Leadership Department and after several workshops to church groups--she stood before the women of Wade Hall at Oakwood University engaging them in serious conversation during her presentation: *A Short Course on Abuse: Flying Under the Radar*.

During this multi-media presentation, candid discussions of many forms of abuse serve as an appetizer for the real topic: *Abuse Among Women*. Shortly after the opening, Dr. Johnson-Spence discusses the Biblical event of *Women in Conflict* as postulated by the apostle Paul in Philippians 4 and gives her own personally painful testimonies as both witness to and recipient of female-to-female abuse. Abuse experienced involved working with a 16-year-old female after a nine-month comatose state precipitated by the beating of a pack of other females, rescuing another female from a brutal attack, numerous observations, and testimonies from women who have experienced abuse from other females in church, business, hospital, family, and school settings, along with learning to perpetrate abuse herself.

Philippians 4

I plead with Euodia and
I plead with Syntyche to
agree with each other
in the Lord... I ask you,
loyal yokefellow,
help these women...



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Congratulations! Congratulations!

Oakwood University 2008 Awardees

and

Alumni Members and Friends



Edward and Edith Woods

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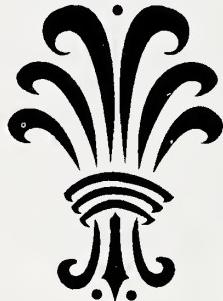
Congratulations

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May God continue to keep you in His care.



Congratulations

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Pastor Carlton Byrd
Alumnus of the Year

May God continue to use you for His glory.

Benjamin and Mary Smalls

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*In Loving Memory
of
Edna Lett Williamson*

Christian Education Advocate and Wonderful Friend



The Thompsons

Violet, Desmond, Giana, Nalani and Desmond, Jr.

Dear Heather,

We are so proud of you as you have accomplished great things in your life thus far. You are truly deserving of this high honor. The Lord has richly blessed you as you have remained faithful to Him. I (Dana) am so glad to have met you freshman year here at Oakwood College and the rest is history. You have been a wonderful BEST FRIEND and I will treasure our friendship for life. I love you like a sister and I am so proud of you.

We love you,

Ron, Dana, Kerry and baby boy on the way Brathwaite!

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To The Wood Family



"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

You were taught and you continue this admonition with your children. We congratulate you on all of your accomplishments and we are proud to honor you as Family of the Year.

Melvin and Marie Seard

Regional Vice President
Allegheny East Conference

Congratulations Vernee' Stoddart



Thank you for being such a positive influence and model for our youth and especially for the young ladies. The Alumni and Allegheny East Conference are proud to honor you as our Certificate of Merit Honoree 2008.

Melvin and Marie Seard

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Congratulations Honey/Mommy

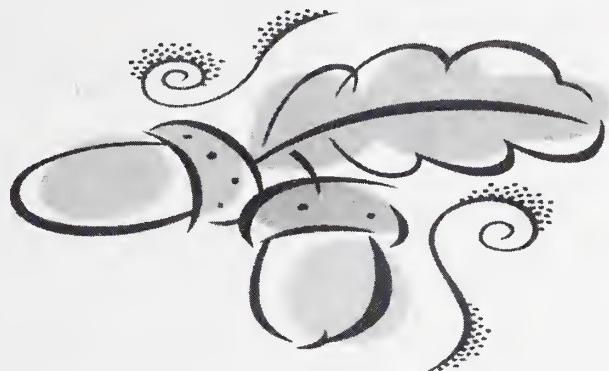


We are so proud of you!
Love Colin Sr. and Colin Jr.

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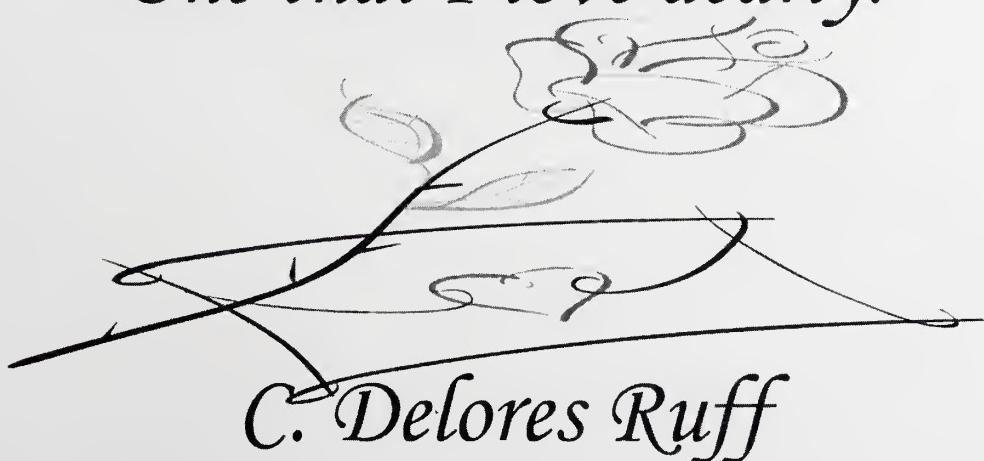
Congratulations
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Heather Martin!

From the K. L. Price Family



Congratulations Vernee

One that I love dearly.



C. Delores Ruff

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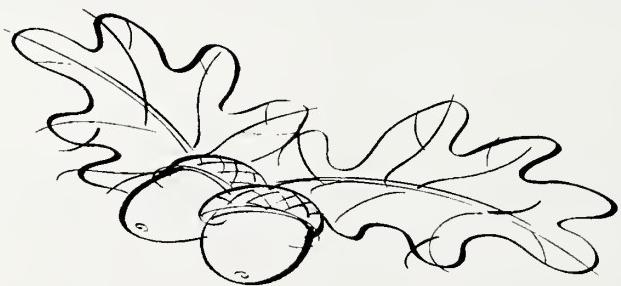


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To Thee Our Dear Oakwood

Written by O. B. Edwards

Chorus

To thee, our dear Oakwood,
To thee we shall ever sing.
For decades thou has stood;
Thy name shall ever ring.
Here we've spent our happy days,
So we love to sing thy praise,
And wherever we may be
We'll always be true to thee,
Our worthy dear old O.C.

One

Our dear Oakwood within whose vales
Thy standards will not fail;
Our hearts are filled with wondrous cheer
When thoughts of thee draw near.
We love thy pines, thy elms, thy oaks
And campus always green.
The many flowers and distant mounts,
Form one impressive scene.

Two

From states afar and isles of sea
Thy students come to thee,
And fain do linger in thy halls
Enlightened truthfully.
From nature's scenes they ever learn
And study from the soil;
Till many more thy works discern.
We'll pray for thee and toil.

Three

As happy birds come in the spring
And sing not for their pay,
Rich, natural melodies they bring,
Cheering throughout the day.
We too will serve thee faithfully
In all we do and say.
We hope in God, we trust in thee;
True and loyal we'll be.

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